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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 119: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER GROUP IN CENTRAL AMERICA (continued) (A/C.5/47/L.33)

AGENDA ITEM 122: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR (continued) (A/C.5/47/L.33)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.33 concerning agenda items 119 and 122, which he had submitted following informal consultations.

2. Mr. RAMOS (Spain), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.33, said that it took into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. He drew attention to paragraphs 5, 6, 8 and 9, in which it was proposed that an amount of US$ 17.2 million gross ($16 million net), inclusive of the previously authorized amount of $8,045,600 gross ($7,514,200 net), should be appropriated for the operation of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993; that the remaining amount of $9,154,400 gross ($8,485,800 net) should be apportioned among Member States for the period from 1 December 1992 to 31 May 1993; that the respective share of Member States in the combined miscellaneous and interest income of $4.6 million should be set off against the amount apportioned among them; and that the remaining unencumbered balance in the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) should be credited to Member States to enable them to meet their financial obligations to ONUSAL beyond 31 May 1993. It was further proposed that, in the event that the Security Council decided not to renew the mandate of ONUSAL beyond 31 May 1993, the aforementioned credits should be made available to be set off against the assessed contributions of Member States for other United Nations peace-keeping operations. It was to be hoped that the Committee could adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

3. Mr. INOMATA (Japan) said that the draft resolution was acceptable to his delegation. In paragraph 9, however, the term "unencumbered balance" appeared to have a slightly different meaning from the usual one. In the context of peace-keeping accounts, the term normally referred to a portion of an appropriation that had not been encumbered or expended, and it normally did not include miscellaneous income. In the current context, the term appeared to refer not only to the unspent balance, but also to miscellaneous or interest income. His delegation would appreciate it if the Controller could confirm that the term "unencumbered balance", as used in the document, did not have the usual meaning.

4. Mr. HOSANG (Assistant Director for the Unit for Peace-keeping Matters and Special Assignments) drew attention to document A/47/751, annex V, item 3, which showed the unencumbered balance for ONUCA in column (2). That amount included both interest and miscellaneous income. Paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.33 provided that amounts attributable to the combined miscellaneous and interest income of $4.6 million should be set off against the assessments of Member States. Paragraph 9 should therefore be interpreted as referring to the difference between the amount in item 3, column (2), of annex V ($12.9 million) and the amount of $4.6 million, which was being credited to Member States under paragraph 8 of the draft resolution.

5. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.33 was adopted.

6. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda items 119 and 122.

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.